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1. There are 20,000 Chinese Communist troops now concentrated in the Laichau-Sonuak area, equipped with machine guns, artillery and tanks. In addition to this force, there are 40,000 Viet Minh troops in the area. A portion of this force, without heavy equipment, will move south through Laos in early March for an attack on Saigon to coincide with an all-out offensive in the Tonkin delta. The Communist underground has heavily infiltrated Hanoi, Haiphong and Haiduong. In addition to ground troops, the Chinese Communists will supply naval and air support from Hainan for the delta attack. There are now 100 planes, including jets, on Hainan.
2. The key control committee of the Viet Minh regime is composed of the following seven men, all of whom are Communists:

Ho Chi Minh
 Vo Nguyen Giap, commander-in-chief of the Viet Minh Army
 Dang Xuan Khu, aka Truong Chinh**
 Dang Xuan Thai
 Dong Thai Lieu***
 Tran Huy Lieu***
 Pham Van Dong, Deputy Premier of the Ho Chi Minh Government

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